



The Editors Write:

Dear Readers:

Blue Bolt and Snap Doodle have certainly been doing a lot of traveling lately. Talk about roving reporters - Bolt could probably tell any one of them a thing or two about a far-off place, and Snap could supply pictures to back him up.

Yet even though the life of a wandering journalist is fascinating, it is not always free of loneliness. The editor of "Glimpses" would have to be pretty hard-boiled not to realize that Blue Bolt and Snap are as human as the rest of us.

Confidentially, both of them would like to get home for a little while. They are adventurers at heart, but the old saying: "Home is where the heart lies," can be interpreted in many different ways.

So, we've been wondering whether you would like to see Blue Bolt on a "home" assignment. Perhaps he'll meet a beautiful secretary in the "Climpses" office, ask the editor for a raise, and go on from there. And wouldn't Snap get a bang out of shooting the "official pix" of the wedding! We're not saying that Blue Bolt would allow himself to be hogtied that easily, but it could happen.

What say to a look-see into Blue Bolt's future! Cive us a glimpse of what you'd like!

Cordially yours,

THE EDITORS

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Dear Editors:

Of all the different stories in your book, I think "Dick Cole" is the best. Then come "Edison Bell," "Fearless Fellers," and "Sergeant Spook."

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But I think that Dick Cole should not be the lucky one all the time. Nor should Farr win all the sports

Otherwise, I think BLUE BOLT is the best comic book put out.

> Sincerely yours, Joseph Robisheaux Texas City, Texas

We have a notion, Joseph, that the breaks will not always favor Dick and the Farr teams. Lady Luck has a way of twisting things to suit her fancy.

Dear Editors:

I enjoy BLUE BOLT comics very much because it contains comedy,

adventure, and mystery.

Best of all I like "Dick Cole," "Blue Bolt the American," and "Fearless Fellers." The other comics are swell, too. "Blue Bolt Flashes" are also good, and I get a kick out out of the Q's and A's because I quiz my brother on them.

I have only one complaint to make and that is about the placing of the A's. It would be better if you put them in the back of the book.

A BLUE BOLT fan, Shirley Wagner Keedysville, Md.

How about it, gang? Do you agree with Shirley on the placing of the A's?

Dear Editors:

After reading your book the first time, I resolved to make it a habit. Now I always have a dime handy when I rush to the store to get my copy. My parents approve whole-heartedly of your magazine.

My favorite characters are Dick Cole, Sergeant Spook, and the Fearless Fellers. I also like the Q's and A's. They are very educational.

Sincerely, Antoinette Barbaro Bronx, N. Y.

Glad the Barbaro's like BLUE BOLT, Antoinette.

Dear Editors:

In reading the comic joke page, "Bluebolts and Nuts," of your December 1946 issue of BLUE BOLT, I discovered one of the jokes contained an error. It said that "M" appears once in a moment, once in a month, and once in a million. This isn't true because, as you can see, the letter "M" appears twice in mo-

The correct answer is the letter "0."

> Respectfully yours, John J. Stavola Hartford, Conn.

Thanks, John, for finding this slip, and for supplying us with the correct answer.

Dear Editors:

The comics I like most in BLUE BOLT are "Dick Cole," "Edison Bell," "Fearless Fellers," and "Krisko and Jasper."

"Sergeant Spook" is thrilling, too. I think the big bully in the December issue is cheating the small boys. He ought to be put behind bars.

I still think BLUE BOLT is tops.

A faithful reader. **Bobby Cherry** Oklahoma City, Okla.

He certainly was cheating the small boys, Bobby. But we think he's mighty sorry for it now.

Dear Editors:

We wish to draw your attention to "Bluebolts and Nuts" in the December issue of BLUE BOLT. We have enclosed a mistake you made. There are two M's in moment instead of one, so the answer is not right.

Sincerely yours, Jo Anne Phenis Ruthanna Silver Eaton, Ohio

You're right - we're wrong. Milt Hammer's so unhappy about the whole thing that he is thinking of rubbing out one of the M's in his last name.

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QUESTION What is paleontology?



The study of fossils to determine the life of past geological periods. "SME SME COLOR OF THE PROPERTY OF THE P





WHAT KIND OF A

STITUTION OF THE BONES. THEN HE AND HIS DOG DEPART. SOON...

EDWARD BROWN, IF JUST WAIT AND SEE, SIR. THIS IS A WILD-GOOSE CHASE, YOU'LL THE BONES ARE RIGHT OVER REGRET IT! THERE.



YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS, BROWN! SUCH STUPIDITY I CANNOT EXCUSE ! BAH!

AND MR. WHIPPLE STALKS AWAY ...

BUCK UP EDDY. MAYBE MAJOR FARR'L GIVE YOU ANOTHER CHANCE.

CAMELOPUS!

NEXT DAY ON THE FARR CAMPUS. NOPE, I'M ALL THROUGH. I

WHY, HOW ARE YOU, PROFESSOR - PICKUS? YOU SEEM ELATED!

I'VE JUST UNEARTHED EVIDENCE PROVING THE CAMELOPUS ONCE ROAMED THIS AREA!



Question Have you ever seen a camelopard?

COULD HAVE

SWORN THOSE

BONES WERE







In the English Channel, about 14 miles from Plymouth, England. Eval









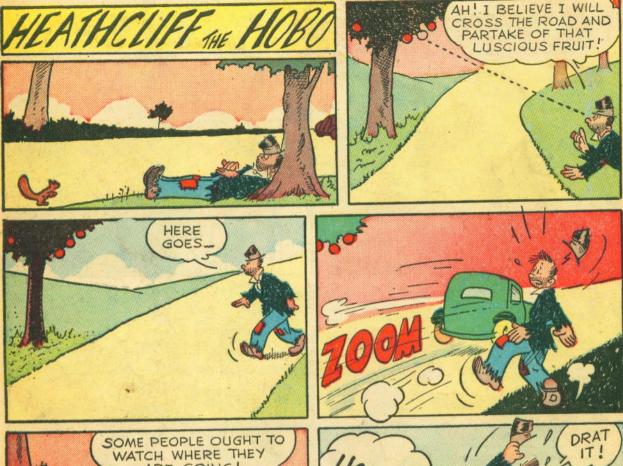
THEY CLAMBER ONTO THE SHORE AND GINGERLY MAKE THEIR WAY OVER THE ROUGH TERRAIN UNTIL ...



QUESTION Is the ghost in "Hamlet," Hamlet's father, brother or son?



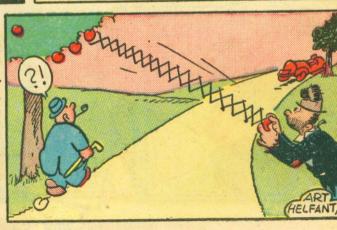
The ghost is Hamlet's father, King of Denmark, Tanger

















QUESTION What have the following words in common: canines, bicuspids, molars?















OH, SURE! YEH! THE WE'LL BE KID'S SEEN GLAD TO TOO MUCH! ARRANGE LET'S GET A MEETIN! HIM TO THE HIDEOUT!



COSY, TAKE THE SIGN OFF THE WINDOW! IT MIGHT ATTRACT OTHER SNOOPERS!



QUESTION In what part of a house would you find a dormer window?





In the roof. It is a vertical window topped by a small roof of its own. 9 or in



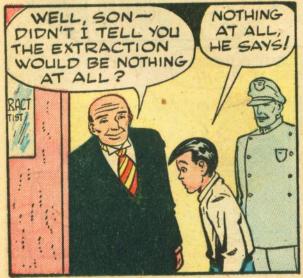






QUESTION The atomic bomb was used against what two Japanese cities?









BLUE BOLT



HE MUST HAVE CALIGHT A DOZEN BY NOW. WHAT'S WRONG WITH US, JERRY?

DARNED
IF I KNOW.
LET'S TAKE
A LOOK
AT OUR
LINES.





THESE OLD WORMS WE DUG THIS MORNING LOOK AS DEJECTED AS I DO.

MINE, TOO...
SAY! FREDDY
GOING IN.
LET'S TRY
OVER THERE
WHERE HE
WAS.



BLUE BOLT













QUESTION Is a fishing rod used in trawling?



No. Trawling is generally done with nets. 800 N













QUESTION In what sport are bets made to win, to place or to show?



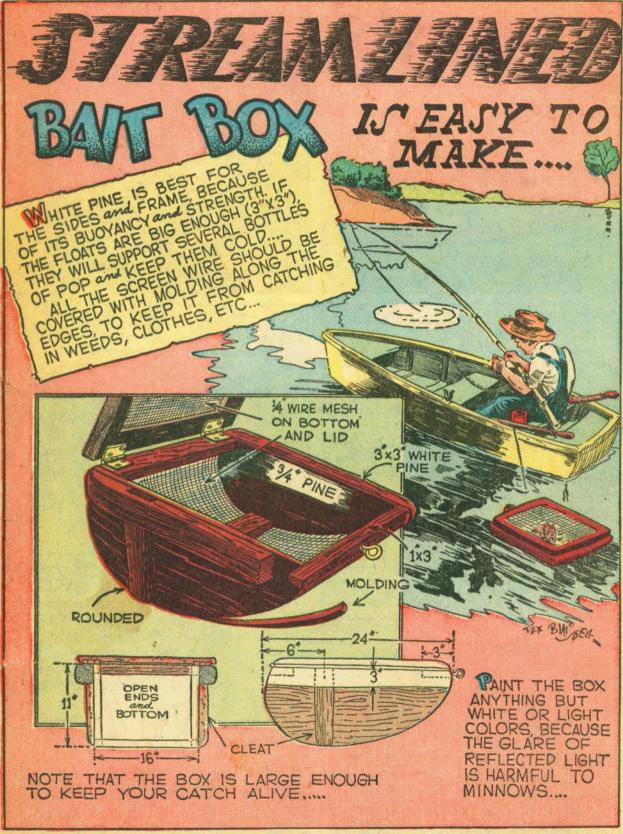


IT OFF...HE CAN'T

POSSIBLY BEAT

US NOW.







"STROKE...stroke...

Swiftly the three shells sped past the Myopac Camp site with No. 2 well in the lead. Peter, from his position on the bank of Lake Masookic knew that Jerry Lester would be in Shell No. 2. Jerry was always with the winning side. Peter thought again how nice it would be to change places with Jerry.

Oh, not that he minded being on the side lines too much. He could stand that well enough. The braces on his legs would never permit him to enter into the competitive games. What hurt was that the fellows just didn't accept him.

He wasn't one of them. They didn't slap him on the back and say: "How' ya Pete, old boy. Coming down for a swim?"

Aw, what was the use, he didn't swim anyway. He'd make a fool of himself if he tried. He should be glad that the kids didn't take too much notice of him, or they might call him Clubfoot, like they did around home.

Peter threw a small pebble into the lake and watched the ripples expend themselves. It was a mistake, his coming here to Camp Myopac. Once, after he had gone off and cried a little, he had written a letter to his mother, asking her to take him home. But later he had torn it up.

She had worked so hard to let him spend these two weeks in Maine that he couldn't hurt her like that. So he wrote another letter telling her of the fine time he was having.

There was a rustle of footsteps in the dry leaves behind him.

"Hello, Peter," a gruff kindly voice said.

It was Father Finley.

"Hello," said Peter.

"I thought I'd find you here," Father Finley said, sitting down. "You've been coming here often these last few days, haven't you?"

Peter nodded.

"I've been watching you of late," Father Finley said kindly. "You aren't happy here, are you?"

"Oh, I am," Peter hastened to say. "It's just that ...that ..."

"I know," said Father Finley. "You would give a great deal to be out there with Jerry and the other boys, wouldn't you?"

Peter nodded and tried to swallow the big lumpy feeling that came in his throat. "We must not become discouraged, Peter," the Father went on. I knew a great man once, who spent most of his life in a wheel chair but he never let it come between him and what he wanted to do. I think that you knew him too, Peter, for he became President of the United States."

The good Father rose to his feet.

"We're having a little meeting around the camp fire tonight. I want you to come, Peter. Now, come boy, we must hurry and get cleaned up for supper."

It was pleasant around the campfire that night. The Maine air was cool and a bright moon hung over the mountain. Somewhere off on the lake, a loon called sadly for its mate and in the forest a whippoorwill sent echoes down across the gorge with his strange calling.

The fellows were toasting spuds and marshmallows and a nice, clean smell was coming from the hemlock logs. They were all laughing and joking. But when Father Finley held up his big hand for silence, they all became very quiet.

Everyone liked Father Finley very much. A big smile shone on his face.

"Does anyone know what day tomorrow is?" Everyone looked at each

other curiously. Finally, someone raised a hand and said: "Thursday."

"Yes, yes," Father Finley laughed gayly. "It's Thursday, all right, but it's more than that. Tomorrow is

Giant Day. You all know. the story of the Giant of Myopac. You have all seen his foot prints imbeded in

the stone bottom of the gorge. Well, once a year this giant comes forth from his

place in the gorge and takes a walk for himself." A chorus of oh's and ah's

arose above the crackling of the camp fire. The good Father held up his hand for attention.

"Now, don't ask me how

I know this," he said, smil-

ing, "It is enough that I know it. Tomorrow you will see his tracks where he came out of the gorge and again you will see them where he returned to his place for another year. And I want to tell you that it will take a mighty clever woodsman to

track him down. That will be your job. Now, that's all I'll tell you." That night there was a

great stir as the fellows made ready for bed. Outside, the bugler sounded taps but even after lights were out, the voices continued.

"I don't believe it," said one.

"There are Giant footsteps in the gorge," said another.

"Well, if there is a Giant," said another voice, "I'll bet Jerry is the one who tracks him down."

"Yes, it would be Jerry," thought Peter before he fell

It rained during the night but the next morning dawned bright and cool. After mess everyone assembled

outside the Recreation Hall. "Well," said Father Finley, slyly, "if all you wouldbe woodsmen are ready, let's be off and see if our friend

paid us a visit."

And sure enough, just outside of the gorge they came upon a set of big footprints measuring nearly three feet long. Everyone gasped.

"All right," laughed Fa-ther Finley, "I'll give you fellows just two hours to track down these prints and then report your findings back to me at the Recreation Hall."

howling joyously like a pack

of hounds to the chase, and

Peter found himself alone

fellows went off

again. He followed the tracks slowly and after a while he sat down to rest. And here where the tracks went through the soft mud, he noticed a curious thing.

It gave him an idea and instead of going in the direction of the other fellows

he back-tracked.

Two hours later in the Rec Hall the fellows were a happy but tired lot. They had scrambled in and out of the gorge following the big prints but no one had found the answer.

"Well," asked Father Finley, "what's the report."

"We followed them into the gorge and lost them on the hard ground," said Jerry. "We can't figure it out." "Does anyone know the answer?" asked the good Father.

Peter held up his hand and everyone looked at him in amazement. None had noticed him before.

"You are the Giant, Father!" he said.

"Yes," Father Finley's eyes sparkled. "I'm the Giant. But tell us, Peter, how did you find out?"

"Well, you made one mistake, Father. When the footsteps went through the soft mud they didn't sink at all. A heavy Giant would have made deep imprints. So, I

back-tracked and I found

these, where you hid them,

behind the Rec Hall." And Peter held up a set of boards which were roughly shaped to make huge foot-

"Good work, Peter," said Father Finley. "And let's have them back. We'll have

to put the Giant of Myopac

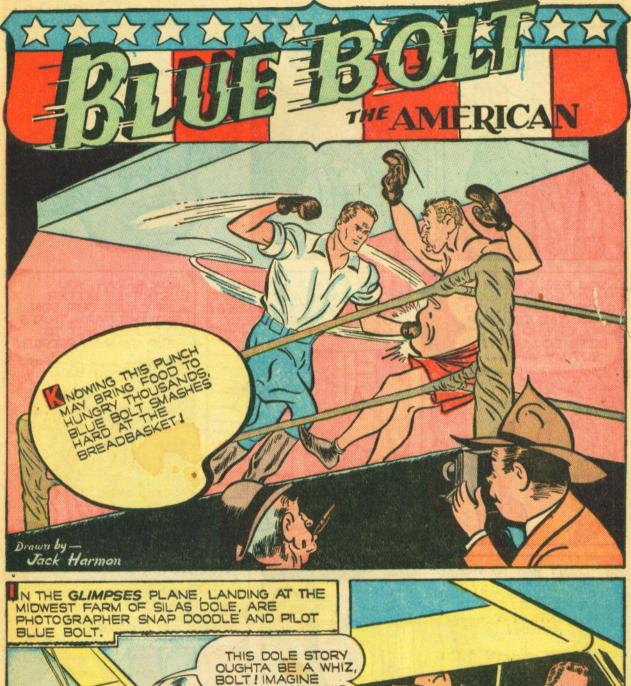
That night in the shower

back to sleep for another

room, Jerry came over to where Peter was washing and said: "Hi, Pete. Say, that was nice going today. Hey, Pete, I wonder if you'd help me with a couple of letters I have to write tonight. Hear you're a pretty good

hand with a pen." "Coming over to the Rec after mess, Pete. Hall someone else asked.

And down inside, Peter felt good, for at last he knew that he was one of them. The fellows had accepted him.



















QUESTION Did the Boxer Rebellion occur in China, Austria or Chile?











BEST MAN OF DA BUNCH. TAKE IT EASY WID WHITEY HERE.

KEEP SPARRING



The Boxer Rebellion (1900-01) was a Chinese nationalist uprising, arong



QUESTION Name a university in New England beginning with the letter Y.

Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut. "18 James V



























BLUE BOLT



AT THE AGE OF NINE, MATTY WAS LIVING IN FACTORYVILLE, PA.

SHOW ME
THOSE TRICKS RIGHT,
WITH STONES,
COUSIN.

COUSIN.

F YOU THROW A STONE WITH THE FLAT SIDE PARALLEL TO THE GROUND, IT WILL ALWAYS TURN OVER BEFORE IT LANDS.



BLUE BOLT

OF YOU TURN YOUR HAND, AND HOLD THE STONE AT AN ACUTE ANGLE, THE STONE WILL CURVE HORIZONTALLY WHEN IT LOSES ITS SPEED.







THE BEST KID PITCHER IN TOWN, MATTY BECAME MASCOT OF THE FACTORYVILLE TEAM.









QUESTION Was Christy Mathewson called the "Big Six" or the "Big Train"?

AT 15, MATTY ATTENDED KEYSTONE ACADEMY.







AT 17 MATTY PITCHED DURING THE SUMMER FOR HONESDALE, PA.



GRADUATING FROM KEYSTONE IN 1898, MATTY ENROLLED AT BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

IF YOU PITCH FOR TRENTON THIS SUMMER, YOU'LL GET \$80 A MONTH.

GOSH! I'M GLAD COLLEGES ALLOW US TO PLAY FOR MONEY DURING THE SUMMER!



RETURNING TO BUCK-NELL IN THE FALL OF 1899, MATTY CAME WITH THE FOOTBALL TEAM TO PHILA.TO PLAY THE UNIVER-SITY OF PENN.

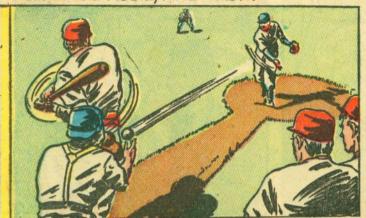
\$80 A MONTH TO PITCH FOR PORTLAND, VA., THIS SUMMER, NOW I'M GOING TO WATCH THE GAME. GOOD LUCK! THANKS, MR. SMITH!

THANKS, MR. SMITH

MATTY KICKED TWO FIELD GOALS FOR BUCKNELL. "PHENOM" JOHN SMITH, THE PORTLAND MANAGER, WAS SO ELATED HE RAISED MATTY'S SALARY TO \$90AMONTH THEN AND THERE. 3

He was called the "Big Six." Walter Johnson was the "Big Train." Sig Walter

MATTY WON 21 AND LOST 2 FOR PORT-LAND. BOUGHT BY CINCINNATI IN 1900, HE WAS TRADED TO THE NEW YORK GIANTS FOR AMOS RUSIE, AND CASH.



THAT PITCH WAS A CURVE WITH A CHANGE OF PACE. I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE IT.IT JUST FADES AWAY



THE FADE-AWAY BROUGHT MATTY STARDOM. IN THE 1905 WORLD'S SERIES AGAINST THE PHILA. ATH-LETICS, MATTY PITCHED 3 SHUT-OUTS: 3-0, 9-0, AND 2-0!



MATTY'S RECORD OF 3 SHUT-OUTS IN ONE SERIES STILL STANDS LAST YEAR, YOUR 13TH WITH
THE GIANTS, YOU LED THE
LEAGUE IN EARNED RUN AVERAGE,
2.06, YOU PITCHED IN 40 GAMES,
FACED 1,195 BATTERS WITHOUT
HITTING ONE HOW D'YA DO IT?



I PRACTICED HARD TO LEARN CONTROL. BUT THE SECRET IS, I NEVER BEAR DOWN UNLESS THERE IS A POSSIBLE RUN ON BASE!



THE GIANTS, MATTY WON OVER 350 GAMES.

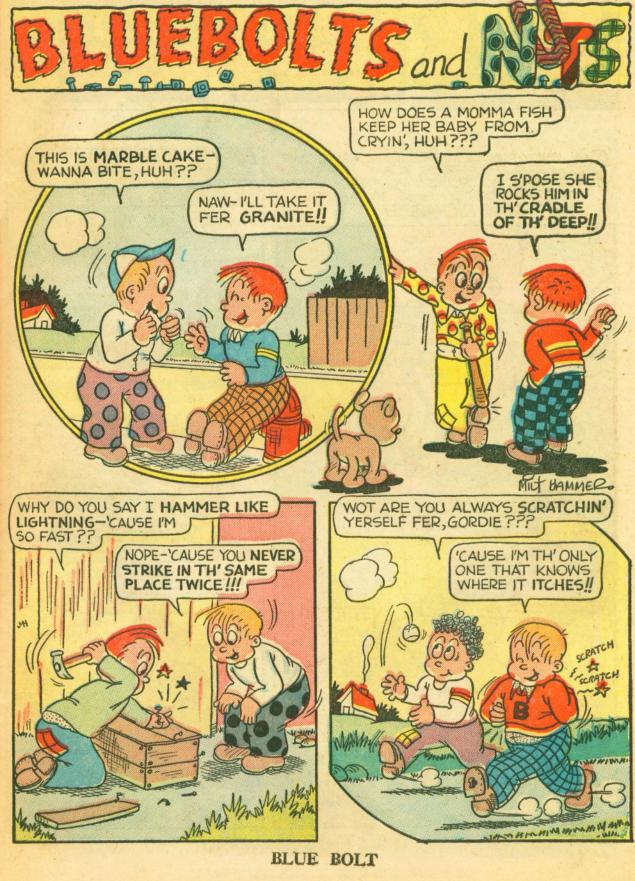
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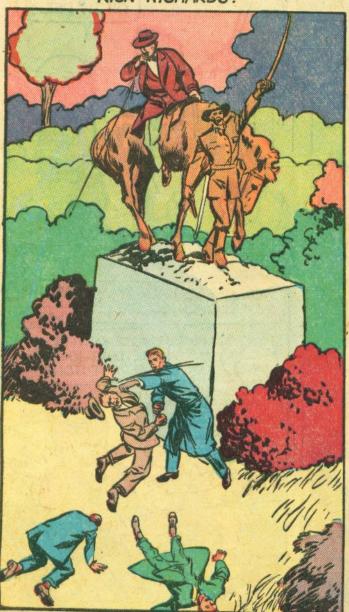
THE BUST OF MATHEWSON STANDS IN BASE-BALL'S HALL OF FAME AT COOPERS-TOWN, NEW YORK.



NO PITCHER HAS EVER BEEN ABLE TO DUPLICATE THE FADE-AWAY, THE STRONGEST PITCH OF THEM ALL!



JOKE ABOUT THE STRANGE PLIGHT OF A CITY TURNED OVER TO CROOKS! AND THE DANGEROUS JOB OF LIBERATION FALLS ON DASHING RICK RICHARDS!



















A person who rides on horseback. RING W



QUESTION Can you find the name of a noted American tenor on this page?





QUESTION Was "Crime and Punishment" written by an American or a Russian?

A Russian, Feodor Dostoievski (1821-1881). Armer











GOSH! I SHOULDA KEPT MY MOUTH SHUT!



WE'LL SHUT

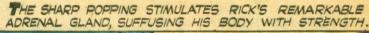
YOUR PURPOSE:

SMEAR 'EM, MEN!

TRY TO SHOW ME UP, HEY!















IF WE GET THOSE CONFESSIONS, BOTH YOU AND MILL CITY WILL BE OUT OF THIS MESS.



WITH THE CITY UNDER HIS THUMB, BLACKSTONE WEAVES A TIGHT NET FOR RICK AND WINDY!







QUESTION Under what kind of tree did Longfellow's blacksmith stand?











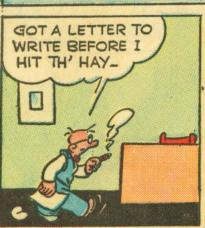




He stood under a spreading chestnut tree. 44













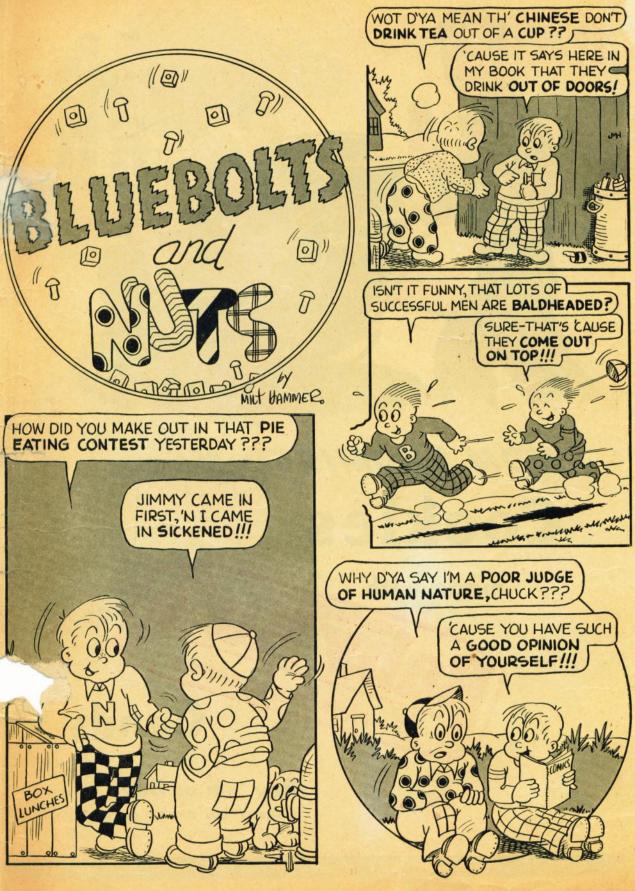














MOM PROMISED ME-

Cookies



Buy 'em or Bake 'em